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### **Northern Territory: The people, the land, the economy**

Northern Territory had the highest proportion of people aged 14 years and under and, the lowest proportion of people aged 65 years and over of any State or Territory at June 30 2001, according to figures released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) today.

**Regional Statistics Northern Territory 2002** captures ABS and other government agency data for Northern Territory regions and sub-regions, including population and employment summaries, and information on mining and agriculture, transport, tourism, education, health, policing, government finance, and Indigenous statistics.

Interesting facts contained in the publication include:

- Internet usage in the Northern Territory was slightly down on the national average, with around 30% of Territorians using the internet in the week before the Census, compared to 37.1% nationally. Usage also varied greatly between regions with Darwin Statistical Division and Environs having the highest proportion of people who used the internet at 38.3% compared to Darwin Region Balance and Barkly with only 12.0% and 13.7% respectively.
- Northern Territory males continued to out number females in 2001, with 109 males for every 100 females.
- The Katherine region had the highest road traffic accident fatality rate at 6.3 per 10,000 population. East Arnhem had the lowest at 0.7. The fatality rate for the Northern Territory is 2.6 per 10,000 population higher than the national rate of 0.95.
- The Statistical Local Area (SLA) of Palmerston - East Arm experienced the largest population increase of 6.7% to an estimated 22,753 in the year to June 2001, whereas the population of Darwin City increased only marginally by 0.5% to 69,698.
- Between 1991 and 2001 the total population of the Northern Territory rose by 20.9%. In terms of actual figures, in 1911 the population was 3,300, rising to 86,400 in 1971. By 1991 the total population was 165,493 finally reaching 200,019 in 2001 (counts of 'full-blood Aborigines', were excluded before 1966).
- The SLA of Tanami reported the largest increase in unemployment in the Northern Territory from 15.5% in 2000 to 23.1% in 2001 (+7.6%).
- Darwin experienced the greatest number of days of thunder for the Northern Territory during 2001 with a total of 108. Katherine on the other hand, experienced only 32.
- 15.4% of people in the Northern Territory reported that they spoke an Australian Indigenous language other than English at home. Greek was the next highest language other than

English reported in the NT.

A significant addition to this year's publication is the inclusion of first release data from the 2001 Census of Population and Housing, including internet usage, country of birth, language spoken at home and household composition.

Further details can be found in **Regional Statistics, Northern Territory, 2002** (cat. no. 1362.7).

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